

THE DOTHAN EAGLE

DOTHAN'S POPULATION: 12,000, 1910; 13,000, 1915; 14,000, 1920; 15,000, 1925. "FOR I HEARD THEM SAY, LET US GO TO DOTHAN."

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ENGLAND SITS TIGHT WAITING FOR THE FIRST BLOW OF SUBMARINES

Probable That Any of German Crews Captured By British Will Be Hanged as Pirates—Channel Traffic Goes On.

London, Feb. 18.—England is "sitting tight" today awaiting the first blow of the German submarine fleet. Though the German proclamation making English and French waters a war zone went into effect at midnight, it was officially announced here this morning that regular steamer traffic between Folkestone, Valais, Boulogne, Dieppe, South Hampton, and Havre was being maintained despite the German threat to mine all harbors.

A meeting of the cabinet was held at the home of Premier Asquith early in the day, but up to noon no formal proclamation in answer to that of Germany had been issued. This led to reports that no such proclamation would be issued, but that the British government, classifying the German menace as piracy, would not recognize Germany's attack as conducted under the rules of civilized warfare.

By adopting this attitude and holding the crews of German submarines to be pirates, if it were possible to hang them for murder if any are captured. An influential part of the public, led by Sir Charles Beresford, is in favor of this method of procedure.

Penalty in Death

The rules of international law provides that the penalty for piracy upon conviction may be death. The first requirement to constitute an act of piracy sufficient is that it must be an act of adequate violence. It need not necessarily be an act of predation. The second requirement is that the piracy must be committed on sea in the territorial jurisdiction of any civilized state, but a third holds that the perpetrators of a piratical act must be without the authority of any recognized political community.

The third requirement must be overcome by England's refusal to recognize Germany for their as entitled to consideration as a civilized nation.

The Westminster gazette which speaks for the government today predicts a period of great naval activity in the "bread war," as the new conflict between England and Germany is now termed.

"For the next few days" it says, "we must expect a period of exceptional violence by land and sea. We shall sit through this without allowing ourselves to be scared or flustered."

"What is new in the British decree is aimed at neutrals rather than belligerents. We are familiar with German mines and submarines we are not inexperienced or unprepared to do our best."

"Both the allied governments will take a new offensive on land with equal firmness and unanimity. The Russians will be helped by the vigorous movements now reported from the west."

German Press Warns U. S.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Criticism of the attitude of the United States by the German press reached a climax today when the *Kreiszeitung*, editorially warned that country that if it ministered Germany's conduct after receiving the reply sent from Berlin to Washington it would no longer be regarded as neutral.

The newspaper printed the fol-

lowing note from the American government:

"The German point of view cannot be explained in a more serious or conciliatory way. The note meets the American view to the utmost by advising a convoy for mercantile vessels of war ships."

"On the other hand the note leaves no doubt that Germany is determined to defend herself against England's barbarism since the neutral countries are impotent or unwilling to bring pressure upon England to respect the dictates of international law. "Whoever after this note still misinterprets the sense and nature of Germany's conduct will as far as we are concerned be out of the ranks of the neutrals."

Lettuce
Fine cabbage lettuce to sal-
te a head. Phone 337, Mrs. G.
M. Lewis.

Two Cows Stolen But Thief Escapes

Tied with a rope, a negro thief being led by a negro at the rate of speed in the vicinity of Dixie this morning about 4 o'clock, and when interested parties attempted to prevent his getaway, the negro turned the cow loose and ran. He was not captured.

The cow was placed in the custody of Sheriff John A. May who later in the day learned that she had been stolen from Ed Henry, negro, of Baptist Bottom. The mother of the thief was also stolen, but the thief did not get very far with her. He is believed near Henry's house.

Turkey Has Yielded To Greece's Demands

Apology Is Made For Insult Offered Attache of Greek Legation.

London, Feb. 18.—Turkey has yielded to Greece's demand for satisfaction for the insult offered an attache of the Greek legation at Constantinople.

The Constantinople director general of police, it is officially announced, has visited the Greek legation and in the presence of all the members of the staff formally expressed regret at the incident. He promised further that an official communication to that effect would be published in the press.

The incident now is regarded as closed.

ILLEGAL PAYMENTS CHARGED TO OFFICIALS

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 18.—Brooks Smith, former state auditor, and John Purdy, former state treasurer are held jointly and individually responsible for more than \$40,000 alleged to have been paid out illegally to special counsel fees during their terms of office, according to a report filed with Governor Hendon by J. T. Gorman at L. W. P. Wilkerson, examiner of public accounts. Under an opinion of W. L. Martin, attorney general, it was ruled that the power of former Governor O'Neal to pay special counsel fees is unconstitutional and, therefore, the officials paying out these sums were responsible. A test case was made of the matter in the case of State vs. Troy, which was won by the

JUDGE W. H. SIMPSON DIES IN DECATUR

Was One the Best Known Men in the State. Death Caused by Paralysis.

Decatur, Ala., Feb. 18.—Judge W. H. Simpson, aged 59 years, chancellor of this chancery district and one of the best known men in the state, died early today at his home in New Decatur.

Death was due to a stroke of paralysis. He had been in feeble health for some years, but able to attend to business.

He was born and reared in this county and was graduated at the state university some years ago.

SHIP BILL DEAD; NO EXTRA SESSION

Measure Will Be Put in Conference Until February 27, and Senate Will Work on Supply Bills

Washington, Feb. 18.—Democrat and republican senators agreed today to send the government ship bill as it passed the house to conference until February 27 and to take up the intervening time passing appropriation bills.

Republicans announced they would resume their filibuster against the ship measure when it again was taken up until adjournment of congress.

Administration democrats practically agreed to let the republicans talk that ship bill to death when they agreed today to put it in conference until February 27 and pass appropriation bills meanwhile. The republicans intend to continue their successful filibuster thereafter.

The plan means there will be no extra session of congress and it generally was agreed it meant the end of President Wilson's ship bill in this congress.

As part of the agreement democrats agreed to prime the river and harbor bill in accordance with objection of republicans.

BEGAN AS NEWSBOYS AND WON TO SUCCESSION

Chicago, Feb. 18.—A hundred and fifty Chicagoans who have risen to society's professional and financial distinction turned the clock back from twenty to fifty years today and sold new papers again as they used to when boys.

It was "Old Newsboy" day. Funds received through the sale of papers will be devoted to the relief of the unemployed through the agency of the munitions industrial commission.

Scores of the old-time "newsies" offered unique attractions at their street corner stands to increase sales. Some of them dressed as they did years ago others employed bands and singers and one had a trained bear as an attraction.

Receipts promised to be large as it was agreed no change would be returned to customers.

Limits Imports of Wheat.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—A publicity campaign to limit exporting of wheat, rye and flour was begun today by the National Association of Master Bakers. It called for a ban on export of flour.

BOY ESCAPES FROM GRASP OF BEAR

Bessemer, Ala., Feb. 18.—A bear owned by the Blue Ribbon Shoe shop on Nineteenth street scattered the crowd Wednesday afternoon when he became enraged at the proceedings of a negro boy and made a dash, grabbing the boy, who jerked away and went down the alley of a nothing flat gait. The animal had been taken out of his cage while it was being cleaned, and then locked lone. The crowd watching the bear did not stop to see whether he would eat the negro boy or not, but all were around the corner on business.

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FRANK JAMES KILLED BY APOPLEXY STROKE

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Feb. 18.—Frank James of the notorious James gang died on his farm near here late today. James, who was 74 years old, had been in ill health several months and was stricken with apoplexy early today.

One of the last members of the robber band whose unparalleled career of crime during the civil war and the unsettled period that followed kept the people of eleven states in terror, Frank James had been living the life of a quiet farmer for more than thirty years.

The son of a minister respected throughout the community, Frank James joined Quantrall's guerrillas in the civil war together with his brother, Jesse, and took part in the sacking of Lawrence, Kan.

When the war ended they were hunted far and wide by relatives of those who had met death at their hands. Driven here and there they soon became outlaws. Many notorious crimes of the decade following the war have been laid at the door of the James and Younger gang, of which the surviving members were Frank James and Cole Younger, the latter of whom is now living at Leavenworth, Mo.

Detectives surrounded the James home near Kearney, Mo., on January 25, 1875, and threw a lighted bomb into the house, thinking to kill the James brothers. It exploded, tearing the arm off their mother and killing their brother, Arch.

In 1882, after Jesse James had been shot in his home in St. Joseph, Mo., by Bob Ford, also a bandit for a reward of \$50,000, Frank James surrendered in Fort Smith, Ark. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary but after a few years he developed symptoms of tuberculosis and was pardoned by the governor.

P. M. MURPREE, Auditor and Public Accountant, Phone 552. Service prompt thorough, satisfactory. Ask your neighbor.

PALACE TODAY STEAM HEATED

Sixth episode in two acts of the "EXPLODE OR BLAST." "The Vampire."

Kensay offers "Chick" Evans the champion golf player, in two interesting roles.

Kalem comedy "THE SATURN DANCE."

LIQUOR ADS ARE BEING REMOVED

Other Advertising Matter Is Being Substituted on Business Bill Boards.

Bessemer, Ala., Feb. 18.—Bill posters have removed all advertisements of whiskey and beer from billboards in Bessemer, the space being taken up by other advertising matter. The work was done on account of the recent act passed by the legislature.

Negro Fired For Striking His Wife

The police record does not show that Joe Johnson's son to Jack Johnson but despite lack of such relationship, does it mind with the mother when it comes to striking his wife. Matters not especially what side of the cheek, but strike her he did and Joe admitted as much when brought before Acting Mayor W. H. Lee today. Joe said he knew it that he was not mad, and struck her very lightly.

The acting mayor being satisfied that affection did not prompt the blow, leaned to the opinion that Joe was angry when he struck his spouse, and should check ought to be worth \$10 or \$10 days. Joe said he had been doing his best to make his wife quit quarreling but that such efforts were useless.

NEW YORK HOTELS TO GIVE LUNCHES TO UNEMPLOYED

New York, Feb. 18.—New York hotels and restaurants have agreed to contribute food for daily lunches for thousands of unemployed. President McAneny, of the board of aldermen, announced today after a conference with hotel men. The first contributions will be made tomorrow.

The plan is to have food brought to municipal workshops, where lunches will be given to men and women who go there for employment and also to distribute the food to their families.

GEORGIA COTTON BOUND FOR RUSSIAN INTERIOR

Savannah, Feb. 18.—5,500 bales of Georgia cotton which is to be transported to the interior of Russia on sleds, were sent out of Savannah today on the Swedish steamship Kina Jarl. The cargo is to be taken on the steamer to Tromsø, Norway, and is to be carried 80 miles inland on a small railroad and is to go an equal distance in pony drawn sleds to the mills.

The cargo was furnished by cotton exporters of Memphis and Augusta. The cargo, it is expected, will create a new high freight rate.

Judge—You say you are on me this morning because did not blow his horn before ran into you.

Plaintiff—I didn't say he didn't blow his horn. I said that I couldn't hear him. His blood old one rattled too much.—Cornell Widow.

For Street—4 room residence close in, with water, sanitary and lights. Good family wanted. See J. A. Stephens at his residence.

GERMAN CRUISER SINKS ENGLISH MERCHANT VESSEL

Crown Prince Wilhelm on Mine Sinking English Ships.

HOUSE PASSES BILL ABOLISHING GATES' POSITION

Senate However, Will Not Take Matter of Prison Inspector Until July.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 18.—By a vote of 65 to 29 the House at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon passed the bill of Representative Justice, of Elmore, abolishing the office of State Prison Inspector, now held by Dr. William R. Gates.

As the bill originated in the House, it cannot be passed by the Senate until after the recess. It was called up soon after the House met this morning, after all unfinished bills had been disposed of.

J. A. Stephens keeps cooked fish roe at his restaurant every day.

SUMMARY OF WAR STATUS

LONG RANGE GUNS ASKED BY GARRISON

Secretary Waste Gave for Coast Defense More Powerful Than Any That Could Be Acquired Against Them.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Guns of greater range and power than any that could be arrayed against them were asked for American coast defenses in an army board report submitted by Major Garrison and made public today by the house appropriations committee. The board advised that the old type twelve inch guns and mortars "are not equal in range and power to major caliber guns afloat."

Mr. Garrison recommended the immediate improvement of some of the coast defenses so that the range of the old twelve-inch guns could be increased to 20,000 yards and the board suggested that wherever it was necessary to construct new works the larger guns should be 16-inch weapons.

Charter Special Train.

Waveroy, Ga., Feb. 18.—In order that he might remain in Thomasville most of the morning and at the same time make direct connections at Jesup for Philadelphia, S. E. Hutchinson, of that place, chartered a special over the Atlantic Coast Line railroad today, at an expense of \$600.

PRIME ROAST BEEF.

A name to look for. Something worth while to find in a market. It is one thing to buy good meat, and quite another to set it when you order it. We will give you meat with the finest understanding that we will give you when you order it, when you order it.

Central Electric Co. Mr. Howell Stephens, Secy. Phone 552.

New York, Feb. 18.—Two Chinese, who took on the Hudson River after losing another man earlier, were found dead. One was interred at the Chinese cemetery, the other at the Chinese cemetery.